

ballot for such office. I also certify that I am a resident and qualified voter of the Town of Benson, residing at _____.

Date: _____ (Signature)."

"Sec. 4.4. *Ballots*. No names other than those of candidates who have properly filed notice as herein required shall be printed upon the ballots for any municipal election.

"Sec. 4.5. *Regulation of Elections*. All municipal elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general laws of North Carolina relating to municipal elections, except as otherwise herein provided.

"ARTICLE V. TOWN ATTORNEY

"Sec. 5.1. *Appointment Qualifications; Term; Compensation*. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Town Attorney who shall be an attorney at law licensed to engage in the practice of law in North Carolina and who need not be a resident of the Town during his tenure. The Town Attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners and shall receive such compensation as the Board shall determine.

"Sec. 5.2. *Duties of Town Attorney*. It shall be the duty of the Town Attorney to prosecute and defend suits for and against the Town; to advise the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, Town Manager, and other Town officials with respect to the affairs of the Town; to draw all legal documents relating to the affairs of the Town; to draw proposed ordinances when requested to do so; to inspect and pass upon all agreements, contracts, franchises and other instruments with which the Town may be concerned; to attend all meetings of the Board of Commissioners, when requested by the Board; and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by virtue of his position of Town Attorney.

"ARTICLE VI. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

"Sec. 6.1. *Town Clerk*. The Board of Commissioners may appoint a Town Clerk to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners and to maintain in a safe place all records and documents pertaining to the affairs of the Town, and to perform such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board of Commissioners may direct.

"Sec. 6.2. *Town Tax Collector*. The Board of Commissioners may appoint a Tax Collector to collect all taxes, licenses, fees and other moneys belonging to the Town, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of the Town, and he shall diligently comply with and enforce all the general laws of North Carolina relating to the collection, sale, and foreclosure of taxes by municipalities.

"Sec. 6.3. *Town Accountant*. The Board of Commissioners may appoint a Town Accountant to perform the duties of the Accountant as required by the Municipal Fiscal Control Act.

"Sec. 6.4. *Consolidation of Functions*. The Board of Commissioners may consolidate any two or more of the positions of Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector, and Town Accountant, or may assign the functions of any one or more of these positions to the holder or holders of any other of these positions.

"ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

"Sec. 7.1. *Custody of Town Money*. All moneys received by the Town for or in connection with the business of the Town government shall be paid promptly into the Town depository or depositories. Such institutions shall be designated by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with such regulations and subject to such requirements as to security for deposits and interest thereon as may be established by the General Statutes of North Carolina. All interest on moneys belonging to the